



To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf Contemporary Reviews

**'To the Lighthouse' was published in May 1927, simultaneously in Britain and the United States. The publication of 'Mrs. Dalloway' a year earlier had already secured Virginia Woolf's reputation as a writer of note. Reviews in the British and American press mostly praised Mrs. Woolf's genius for experimental writing, although they found evidence of this genius in varied aspects of the book. For some, 'To the Lighthouse' was a flawed masterpiece, although they did not agree on what the flaws were. A few seem to have seen the widespread recognition of her genius as a case of the courtiers' admiration for the emperor's new clothes. This collection brings together 30 contemporary reviews (sourced from the Woolf Online project web site) by reviewers including Louis Kronenberger, Conrad Aiken, Edwin Muir, Zona Gale, Ruth Sucknow and Arnold Bennett. - Summary by Phil Benson**

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